

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 8, 2006, and within the three month period for reply extending to March 8, 2007.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-16 are currently amended.

5 Claims 4 and 12 are cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-16 remain pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jobst et 10 al. ("Jobst" hereafter) (U.S. Patent No. 6,707,915). These rejections are traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the following features which are not taught by Jobst:

interfacing a smart card with said second computing device such that the smart card has access to said temporary buffer;

15 operating said smart card to read said first signature and said unsigned binary from said temporary buffer;

operating said smart card to sign said unsigned binary using a secret key present on said smart card to generate a second signature; and

operating said smart card to compare said first and second signatures,

20 wherein a common signing methodology is used on both said first computing device and said smart card to respectively generate said first and second signatures, and wherein said secret key present on said smart card is not accessible by said second computing device.

The Applicants submit that Jobst does not teach each and every feature of 25 amended claim 1. Therefore, the Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is not

anticipated by Jobst under 35 U.S.C. 102. The Office is requested to withdraw the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite features similar to those recited in amended claim 1, which are not taught by Jobst. Therefore, the Applicants submit that Jobst does 5 not teach each and every feature of amended claim 9, as required for anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102. The Office is requested to withdraw the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Because a dependent claim incorporates each and every feature of its independent claim, the dependent claim is patentable for at least the same reasons as its independent 10 claim. Therefore, each of dependent claims 2-3, 5-8, 10-11, and 13-16 is patentable for at least the same reasons provided for its independent claim. The Office is requested to withdraw the rejections of claims 2-3, 5-8, 10-11, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102.

The Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for 15 allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6914. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP575). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this 20 purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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